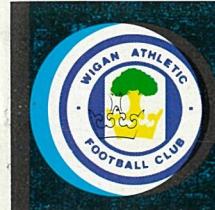


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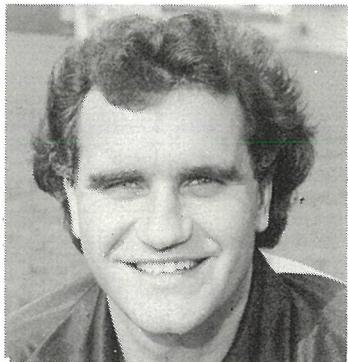
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LLOYD

HELLO and welcome back to Springfield Park for today's game against our opponents from London, Millwall. It seems a long time since we last played here, with our trip down south seeing us continue our losing run at Exeter and then checking it at Orient last Saturday. Hopefully that game was the turning point. There has been no panic at the club because of our bad run, however, and I am delighted to say that all of the fans I have spoken to have shown great sympathy and patience, and for this I would like to thank you all. Football is about both winning and losing and to enjoy the highs you have to know the lows — I just hope that we've had all the lows for the season!

We are, of course, suffering from some

unlucky injuries. With myself never having been fully fit this season, Graham Barrow and Eamon O'Keefe being both sidelined for some considerable time, we have been deprived of the services of three of our key players, a situation which would hit even the top clubs hard (Can you imagine Liverpool winning the Championship without Hansen, Souness and Rush? Mind you, knowing them, they probably would).

But injuries apart, we don't seem to have been getting it together in the last few weeks and there is still a lot of hard work to do before we reach our top form again. I believe, however, that, as a team we come out of this spell as better people — me as a better manager and the lads as better players, because it's only when things go badly wrong that we are forced to look at our attitudes, ideas and performance in a critical way, and to discover what is right about them and, more important, what is wrong.

Today we have a chance to prove ourselves again and I must repeat my thanks to you, the supporters for not getting on our backs. It is so important that when we run out onto Springfield Park we know that you have the patience and wisdom not to panic and cry wolf, because it would be impossible to improve under that kind of pressure. And don't forget to give the young lads an extra cheer.

Best wishes,

Larry Lloyd.

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

LATICS fans who moan about the admission prices at Springfield Park should have been at Orient last weekend. The cheapest seat in the stand at Brisbane Road was £4, rising to a staggering £6, while admission to the terraces alone would have set you back £2.50.

In addition, programmes were on sale at a "modest" 50p., and when you consider it costs just a little over £3 to watch Liverpool at Anfield, it's a bit of a puzzle how Orient have the cheek to charge such prices.

There's no sign of an end to Portsmouth's recruiting of new players. After signing Everton striker Alan Biley at the start of the season for a fee in excess of £100,000, manager Bobby Campbell went back to Goodison Park recently and came away with another of Howard Kendall's "surplus" to requirements. Campbell has now signed

Trevor Ross on a month's loan.

Today's opponents Millwall are on the lookout for a new manager following last week's parting of the ways with player boss Peter Anderson.

Bristol Rovers manager Bobby Gould waited two games before parading new signing Mike Channon.

Channon, already rejected by Newcastle so far this season, signed for Rovers the day after they beat Latics 4-0 last month, and then sat on the subs-bench until Gould could find a place for him in his winning side.

Channon made an appearance at Southend last Friday night, his second, and Rovers lost 1-0!

Still on the subject of losing, Newport, after disposing of Latics two weeks ago must have fancied their chances at Reading but the Elm Park revival continued as they thrashed the Welsh club 4-2.

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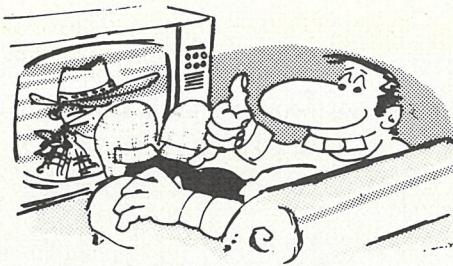
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FILE

I WAS extremely disappointed to read in the press about the rejection of our planning application for the use of the all-weather pitch here at Springfield Park, and that I was also annoyed that somehow the press failed to get over our side of the story. All the local papers wrote of our desire to "extend the use" of the pitch and that Councillors were defending the local residents in refusing it. As this facility was constructed under the Football and the Community Scheme, this rejection has caused our good efforts to rebound on us and make us out to be villains. I therefore think it important to put the matter straight. This then, is the story nobody got around to printing and which the honorable councillors seem to have misinterpreted.

Since 1947 we have had a training pitch behind the Springfield Park end of the ground which has been used regularly. Since turning into a full-time outfit, the pitch has been most in use for reserve and youth team training every Tuesday and Thursday evening. When Freddie Pye and Bobby Charlton came to the club, they got together with their co-Directors and approached the Sports Council and the Local Council with a novel scheme. Together with those two bodies, Latics would fund the construction on that training area of an all-weather pitch, modernise the existing floodlights and let the public of Wigan use the facility every afternoon and on the three weeknights when we did not require it, i.e. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

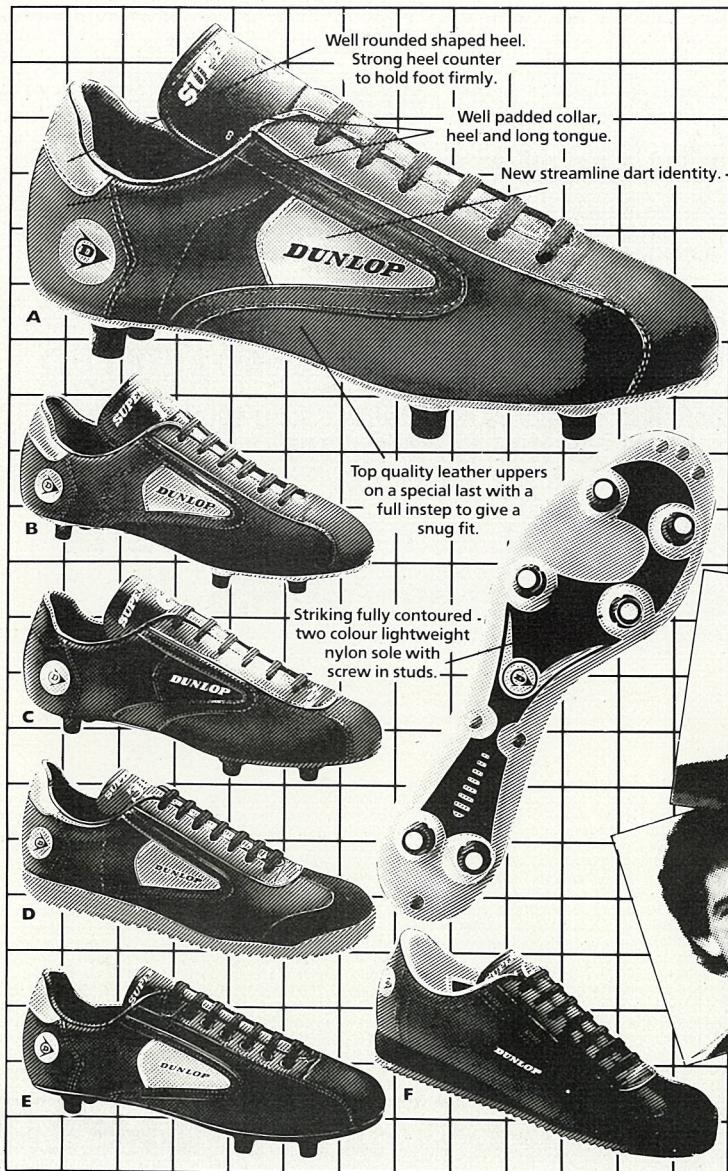
A meeting was organised and all three parties agreed to go ahead with this excellent idea. The Sports Council and the Latics agreed to provide the bulk of the money and the local council told my predecessor how to go about getting planning permission. He applied for the extra three nights use assuring that we would not need to apply for the two nights we required it as custom and practise gave a right to use it.

Nobody at the Council told him any different, planning permission was granted for any three nights, the pitch was constructed and everybody was happy. Imagine, then, our surprise when, a few months after it had opened, we started to get nasty letters from the Council telling us we were using it more than the three nights permitted under planning permission.

Some mistake, surely, we proclaimed. We don't need planning for Tuesdays and Thursdays. "Oh yes you do", said the Council. Well you apply, we said, because the three nights aren't specified and you could apply to cover two of your three nights. We can't apply, they said, but if you apply your sure to get a sympathetic hearing. And so, for the sake of satisfying the bureaucracy, we reluctantly applied. And what happened? The planning committee said "no chance" — you agreed to three nights in the first place.

The outcome of all this is that we now have a beautiful pitch which we paid £37,000 towards so that both the public and ourselves could use it, and now the public are not going to be able to use it. Instead, it will lie empty on two nights a week and kids will climb over the wall (which we can't put barbed wire all the way round because we can't get planning permission) and make a racket on it. A project which came from a desire by this club to show that it cares about sport in the community has been wrecked. If anybody can see any sense in it, please tell me.

Yours in frustration,
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If your programme does not include a coupon, you may obtain one from the Commercial Department.

Finally, I am pleased to report a slight increase in lottery sales, particularly on our match-day ground sales.

There is still a long way to go before we reach our target, but at least we seem to be heading in the right direction.

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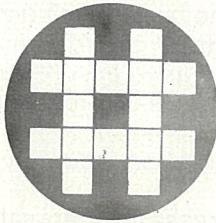


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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 10

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Birtles, maybe; "The Peacocks"; Irishman recently in Italy; Shilton does it.

CLUB CLUE No. 10

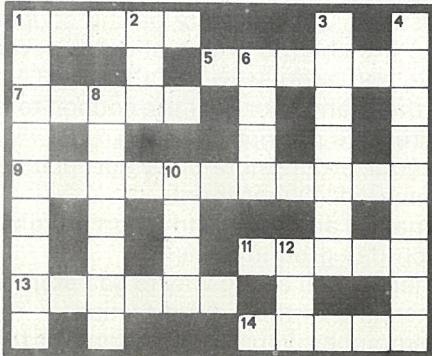
Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:
Do they fly the flag in Belgium?

MIXED DOUBLES No. 10

Re-order the letters in each of the words **ROMEO** and **NORMA** to find the names of two men called Kevin.

QUICK QUIZ No. 10

1. In which country are Hibernians one of the top clubs?
2. Who was the first European Footballer of the Year?
3. How many League clubs in Scotland have names which begin with B?
4. In the last World Cup finals, which countries (apart from Brazil) had Brazilian managers?
5. They were 'The Dolphins' . . . but what are they now?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 10 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. --- Lloyd, long-serving PFA secretary who retired in 1981 (5)
5. Forward who began with Sheffield United and then shifted to Everton, moving on to Newcastle last season (6)
7. --- Hennessey, old Birmingham, Forest, Derby and Wales half-back (5)
9. Dunfermline Athletic's ground (4,3,4)
11. Lofty striker who has added metal to Oldham's front line in recent seasons (5)
13. Polished full-back who captained Rangers and Scotland until a broken leg at Wembley put an end to his international career (6)
14. Tynan or Taylor (5)

DOWN

1. Former Everton striker who returned to manage the club after being in charge of Crewe, Rochdale and Sheffield Wednesday (9)
2. Jock Wallace went from Filbert Street to --- Park in 1982 (3)
3. International centre-forward who served Rangers right through the 1970s (7)
4. Amateur international keeper who served Wimbledon, QPR and Birmingham City (4,5)
6. Former Celtic and Birmingham international who was an early-season managerial casualty (4)
8. A little noise from Ronnie Allen's son? (7)
10. --- Bearzot, Italy's World Cup-winning manager (4)
12. The only World Cup finals group with no draws (3)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

THERE is one thing that has been intriguing me all season about local amateur soccer, and that is the number of times I seem to find myself describing a game as "a match of two halves".

I refuse to believe that the local pitches are all on 45 degree slopes, a force ten wind blows straight up the field of play or any of the other things which could favour first one team and then the other. Perhaps it is something to do with a subconscious "letting up" by the dominant team, although I'm sure their manager would soon have something to say about that!

Whatever the reason, a prime example occurred recently when Bispham finished the first half a goal in front against a highly-rated Aspull — and then let in six in the second half. But it was a nonetheless courageous performance by Bispham against a very good team and they even put up a late rally to score another couple themselves. Final score, 6-3.

Another example was in the First Division of the Wigan Amateur League (the Bispham-Aspull match was in the Premier Division of the same League). A. Hastings hit a quick-fire hat-trick in just half an hour for Standish Lower Ground only for Rose Hill to reply with three goals in the second half and take a point.

In Division One at the weekend Aspull Reserves were 3-1 in front when the second half got under way, but soon found themselves 4-3 down in their game against Whitley Wanderers. But with just six minutes left Aspull were awarded a penalty which Crossland converted to salvage a point.

Which just goes to show that the probable reason for so many see-saw games could well be that local lads just don't allow their heads to drop, however badly things might seem to be going at the time.

One side who are needing all their spirit to keep a smile on their faces are the Wigan Rovers, who have been having an occasionally torrid time in their first season in the North West Counties League. Despite a brave struggle against Clitheroe recently they went down to a goal in each half from their visitors, while the reserve side also went down fighting, 2-1 at Stalybridge Celtic Reserves.

After the games team coach Carl Bannister, although obviously disappointed with the result, declared himself well pleased with the 100% effort his players have been putting in. And when things aren't going well 100% effort is something every player can still put in. As we have seen in all those "games of two halves", just keeping going can pay big dividends.

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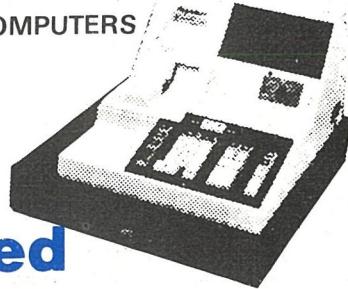
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ANSWERS TO PUZZLE PAGE
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Les Bradd gets a helping hand as he keeps up the pressure on the Newport goal. Photograph by courtesy of Mr. C. J. Higgins.

What the papers say...

THE SUNDAY PEOPLE

Wigan stop slide

Wigan ended a dismal run of six consecutive defeats thanks to a rare slip by Orient keeper Day.

He dropped an inswinging corner from Sheldon and Houghton managed to steer the ball over the line.

Taylor was always dangerous along the Orient right flank and one of his runs had Wigan's defenders in a tangle.

He centred perfectly for Godfrey to head into the net for the equaliser.

If Orient had taken better advantage of Taylor's good work, they could easily have clinched three welcome points. Booked.

Taylor left the Wigan defence standing again, but this time Cunningham's header was brilliantly pushed over the bar by Tunks.

Four players were booked including Orient's Roffey who was lucky not to get his marching orders for deliberate handling.

Glenn and Weston were booked for Wigan and Peach collected his booking for a foul

on Sheldon.

FORM REPORT. Tunks 8, Cribley 7, Glenn 7, Butler 7, Walsh 7, Methven 6, Sheldon 7, Weston 7, Bradd 7, Houghton 7, Gemmill 6. Ref. J.E. Bray (Leicester) 5.

Orient and David Glenn and Jimmy Weston of Wigan.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Tunks Rescue

Wigan goalkeeper Roy Tunks was the man who stopped Orient taking the three points and in doing so he helped to end the Northerners own run of six consecutive defeats.

Manager Larry Lloyd admitted afterwards however that Wigan were slightly lucky to take a point.

They had started well enough and took the lead in the 13th minute when an in-swinging corner from Kevin Sheldon was dropped by Orient goalkeeper Mervyn Day and Peter Houghton stabbed the ball home.

But Latics made the mistake of giving former Spurs winger Peter Taylor room to work. He sent over a stream of centres from which Orient could have built a commanding lead. Kevin Godfrey took advantage of one to head the equaliser in the 26th minute. But Orient couldn't beat Tunks again. And Wigan almost snatched victory when a Houghton shot grazed the post.

Referee John Bray made four second half bookings — Bill Roffey and David Peach of

When Orient hit back Wigan made the big mistake of allowing the former Spurs winger Peter Taylor acres of room to work in and he wreaked havoc in the Wigan defence. He sent over a stream of centres which Orient should have capitalised on better.

Kevin Godfrey however took advantage of one to head firmly into the net for Orient's equaliser in the 26th minute.

What you say...

Stan Jackson, Wigan.

I didn't watch much of the game — I was too busy looking at the tickets that I'd had to pay £12 for!

Kenny Banks, Trainer.

We seem to have started to come back. Build-ups a lot better, had a few good chances early. We had some luck, but we were unlucky in the end when Peter Houghton just skimmed the post. All in all, nice to get a result. I like to think that we've turned the corner.

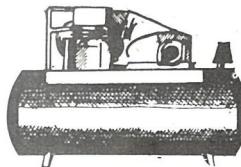
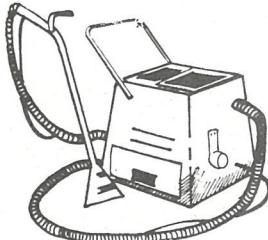
J. Docherty, Wigan.

I thought Roy Tunks had a great game and all the lads seemed to be working harder than in previous games. We had some good luck and some bad luck and I think the result was a fair one.

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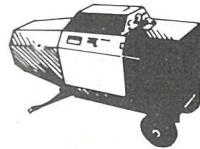
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WE EXTEND a warm welcome to Millwall F.C. to Springfield Park today. Millwall were last at Springfield Park in January, 1936, when as a Third Division South club they were drawn at Wigan in the F.A. Cup. On that occasion Millwall ran out winners by 4 goals to 1. Previous to playing Millwall, Wigan had beaten Carlisle away by 6-1 and Torquay at home 3-2.

Millwall were formed in 1885 and were then known as Millwall Rovers. In 1889 they became Millwall Athletic,

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In 1937 Millwall held the honour of being the first Third Division club to reach the Semi-Final of the F.A. Cup.

Their ground, known as The Den, has a capacity of 32,000 and the pitch measurements are 112 yds. x 74 yds. They are nicknamed the "Lions".

PAUL SANSOME: Joined the Club at the beginning of 1979/80 season following his release from Crystal

Palace. Spent most of his time playing for the reserves, but suffered a serious injury to first choice forward, Alan Roberts, in January. He made his debut for the first team on 28th March, 1980, and his performances kept him in the team for the remainder of the season. **SAM ALLARDYCE:** Born in Bolton, Lancashire, on 12th April, 1953, he signed professionally with Millwall in 1977. He made his League debut at the end of the 1977/78 season and has since made over 100 appearances for the Club. He signed a new contract with Millwall in 1980.

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Row: Terry Long, Keith Stevens, Justin Hayes, Paul

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E (Defender) Joined
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l in 1971. He made
against Notts County
72. Went on to win

Second Division Championship with
Bolton in 1976. Joined Sunderland in
1979 for £160,000 after making over
200 League appearances for Bolton.
Signed for Millwall in September 1981.
Has now made over 300 League and
Cup appearances.

PAUL ROBERTS (Defender) Joined
Millwall as a Schoolboy and signed as a
professional in April 1979. Born in
London and lives on the Isle of Dogs. He
made his first team debut against
Preston North End in the last match of
season 1978/79, and has now become
a regular. He was voted Player of the
Year in 1980/81. Paul was captain of
the successful Youth Team which won the
F.A. Youth Cup in 1978/79.

PAUL ROBINSON (Defender) Signed
Professional in January 1980. He
represented Kent at Schoolboy level and
followed this with International
honours at the same level and then at
Youth Level. He was a member of the
successful Youth Cup winning team of
1978/79. His normal position is left
back, but on numerous occasions he
has turned out as a central defender.

KEITH STEVENS (Defender) Joined the
Club on Associated Schoolboy forms
before signing Apprentice in
June 1980. Made his Football League
debut whilst still an Apprentice against
Oxford United in April, 1981. Signed as a
Full Contract player two months later
and established a regular first team
place towards the end of 1981/82
season.

NICKY CHATTERTON (Midfield)
Born Norwood, London. Joined Millwall
from Crystal Palace in November 1978.
For Palace he made over 150 League
and Cup appearances. Nicky was
leading goalscorer for the Club in
1980/81 and has now gone on to score
over 40 goals. He lives with his wife,
Angela in Eastbourne.

DAVID MARTIN (Midfield) Joined the
Club straight from school. He
represented England Youth as Captain
in 1980/81. He made his football
League debut in midfield against
Rotherham on March 26th 1980 whilst

still only sixteen years old, but has since
proved that he is also capable of playing
at any position in the back four. He lives
with his parents in East London.

ANDY MASSEY (Midfield) Andy is a
local discovery who joined the Club
straight from school. Although he was
born in New Cross he qualifies to play
for the Republic of Ireland through his
father and was rewarded with a number
of Youth International Caps. He gained
a regular spot in the first team last
season.

ALAN WEST (Midfield) Signed for
Millwall from Luton Town for £45,000
during the 1981 close season. Before
joining Luton in 1973 for £100,000 he
spent six years with Burnley. He also
spent the summers of 1976-79 playing
for Minnesota in the North American
Soccer League. In all he has made over
400 Football League appearances.
Whilst at Burnley he won an F.A. Youth
Cup winners medal in 1968 and one
Under 23 cap for England.

TREVOR AYLOTT (Midfield) Signed
for Millwall in August, 1982 for a Club
record fee of £150,000 from Barnsley,
London born, he joined Chelsea as an
Apprentice in 1974. Was transferred to
Barnsley in October, 1979 for £60,000
and was a member of their division
three promotion winning side of 1980/81.

DEAN HORRIX (Defender) Joined the
club straight from school and signed
prof in April 1979. He is married and
lives in Slough, Berkshire. Was
unfortunate to miss the F.A. Youth Cup
Final in May 1979 after sustaining a
serious head injury in the quarter final
tie. He made his first team debut in
1980-81 and has since held a regular
place. He was the Club's leading
goalscorer last season.

DEAN NEAL (Midfield) Dean signed
Apprentice for Queens Park Rangers in
July 1977 and turned professional a
year later. He made 25 first team
appearances, scoring 9 goals before
joining North American Soccer League
Club, Tulsa Roughnecks for their 1981
summer season. He joined Millwall in
October 1981.



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HELLO again! I think everyone who attended our Film Night last week enjoyed it immensely. To say that it was just a Film Night is doing the evening an injustice, because what is fast becoming a regular feature of Junior Latics nights was once again a great success. I mean of course, our Prize Bingo Session. It must be one of the noisiest bingo sessions ever held.

The guests of honour for the evening were Colin Methven and Graham Barrow, who mingled with the kids for most of the night. But the surprise of the meeting was the appearance of our Vice-President, Larry Lloyd, who typically turned up unannounced, a great surprise and what a welcome he received. Thanks Boss.

You know we really are very lucky at the Latics to have players who are willing to give up their spare time to come to our meetings. Since we started in September last year, players have attended 12 of the 15 meetings we have held. Thanks lads.

DAVID GLENN

I thought you might like to know that we gave Davy a good luck card signed by 60 or 70 boys who attend the Coca-Cola on Saturdays, and I am sure we wish him all the best at Chelsea.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Tickets for the Disco which is being held on the 6th December at 7.30 p.m. have nearly all gone, in fact, we have about 20 left and those are for the girls. If you would like to bring along a girl friend to the disco, just give Junior Latics a ring on 44433 and let us know.

COCA-COLA

The next Coca-Cola presentations will take place at our January meeting, when we will have a star guest to present our first gold awards, as well as the other grades.

In the Commentary Box today as a guest of George Roberts is Junior Latics member Sean Fitzgerald who has a birthday tomorrow — Many Happy Returns.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Our mascot today is Jason Clark. Jason is 10 years old and attends Winstanley County Primary School. His hobbies are football, boxing, and Cubs. His favourite player is David Glenn.

Have a nice day Jason.

J. Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



—Half Time Gossip—

Latics fans visiting Orient got a shock when they saw the prices the London club demand for admission — £2.50 on the ground, £4 in the wings of the stand and £6.00 for the Centre.

★ ★ ★

Telford United ended an eight-game run without defeat last Saturday when they lost 3-1 at home to Barrow. Ex-Latics player Jeff Wright, now playing for Barrow, said, "They didn't play particularly well, but you can bet they'll be playing the game of their lives at Springfield Park next week, and nobody knows better than Wigan fans what the F.A. Cup means to non-League sides".

★ ★ ★

David Glenn had his first game in Chelsea's colours in a Reserve match last Wednesday against London neighbours Crystal Palace.

★ ★ ★

Good news and bad news for ex-Latics men now playing for Macclesfield. John Brown hopes to return today after a four week lay-off with a thigh injury (which means that another ex-Latics keeper, Peter Eales, steps down). But George Urquhart is not so lucky. He has been side-lined for a month after injuring a knee in a match against Mossley. The

original diagnosis was strained ligaments. But after trying it out in a full-scale training session, George was forced to return to hospital where specialists finally found the real problem — a hair-line fracture. "The specialist couldn't understand how George had managed to stand up with that sort of injury, let alone take part in training", said manager Brian Booth.

★ ★ ★

Co-operation between the football and rugby clubs in Wigan has certainly benefited Graham Barrow. He has used the rugby clubs excellent gymnasium regularly in his fight for fitness. Well done, Central Park.

★ ★ ★

Club Secretary Colin Burke is claiming credit for bringing an end to the recent run of defeats. "I never win when I bet so I decided to put a bet on Orient beating us. It was one of those accumulator things and I rightly predicted three away results, Bury, Liverpool and Lincoln. The point last Saturday cost me £28. I don't know why I didn't think of doing it before, because it worked last season when I bet on us missing out on promotion". Money well lost, Colin.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

Happy Eighth Birthday for yesterday to Andrew Holian of Marus Bridge County Primary from his Mum and Dad.

Best wishes to Charlie Hesketh on your birthday today, from Phyllis, Neil and Darren. Have a nice day and hope the lads have a good win.

Happy 17th Birthday Diane for Saturday, 20th November. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Hazel, Neil and Susan.

Happy Birthday to Gary Bannister for the 27th November. Love, Margaret.

Well done lads! The 24 brave stalwarts of Wigan Athletic who travelled by Eavesway to Exeter in the miserable pouring rain, and arrived home at 2 a.m. on Thursday to plan their trip to Orient. To the O.A.P's, teenagers and unemployed who made the trip down to St. James' Park, a well deserved pat-on-the-back from the staff at Springfield Park.

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Many Happy Returns of the day to Jill Ronald from all your friends in Wigan.

NOTICE

To all the fans who went to Orient. Would the girl who's got the Orient scarf and her boyfriend please get in touch with Nelson (I'm the one who walked the boys up to the station), because he wants to arrange a meet for the return fixture. My address is 2B, Grove Green Road, Leyton, London E.11.

DON'T FORGET This is a free service for Latics supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

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ABOVE: Young Steven Walsh prepares to launch a challenge on the Newport goal.

BELOW: Up he goes but the Newport goalkeeper punches clear. Photographs by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.





Apprentice David Lowe rises the highest to get in his header against Newport. Photograph by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.



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Kevin Langley



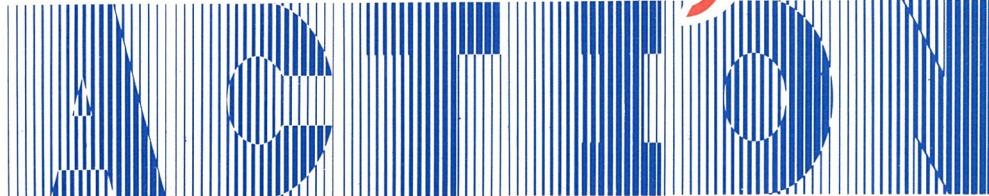
KEVIN LANGLEY

KEVIN Langley delights in telling a story about his baptism when the priest christening him in his native St. Helens told his proud parents, "He's a fine big baby, he'll play for Wigan". It's more than likely that the curate meant Wigan Rugby, but, despite that, it was certainly a prophetic statement which came true on September 14th, 1981 when, as a seventeen year old apprentice, he ran out for his first senior game at Stockport in the Second Leg of the League Cup First Round. "That has to be the high spot of my life", says Kevin, "and I savoured every minute of it".

His career at the Latics did not start in any romantic way, no scout spotted him playing as he did for St. Helens Schoolboys or captaining Edmund Campion Secondary side for each of the five years he was there. It was only after he left school and became an apprentice painter and decorator that he decided that if he was to achieve his life-long ambition to be a pro-footballer he would have to do something about it himself. He looked up the telephone number of the Latics and rang and asked for a trial for the youth side. A trial on a Wednesday night led to a game for the "A" side on the Saturday and his place was secure.

He played for the Youth Team for six matches until Ian McNeill, receiving constant good reports about him, decided he would have to see for himself and watched him in a match against Everton "B" at Robin Park. As he walked off after another outstanding performance, his dream came true and Mr. McNeill approached him and offered him an apprenticeship. "He didn't have to ask me twice", relates the affable young man, "and I thought of all those times when my teachers shouted at me for not doing enough academic work and I had told them that I only wanted to be one thing in life and that was a footballer. "And a good footballer he looks like becoming. This season he has made 12 League appearances (4 as sub) to add to his two from last year, and he is determined to secure a regular first team place. "He's still got a lot to do", comments manager Larry Lloyd, "but if he applies himself and works hard, there's no reason why he shouldn't be a top class player. It's up to him". If that's the case, we should soon see him emerging as a real force in the team and the words of that priest eighteen years ago will be well and truly fulfilled.

Central League



Wigan Athletic 2 Derby County 1 Wednesday, 10th November, 1982

This should have been our second Central League fixture in November but injuries, added to our Exeter match and the replay of the F.A. Youth Cup forced us to postpone our game against Burnley scheduled for Tuesday, 2nd November.

On a wet and windy night, almost 200 loyal Latics fans turned up to see a fine performance from a reserve side which contained six players who have played in the first team this season. John McMahon, fighting to get back to full match fitness, stepped in to the centre of defence alongside young Stephen Walsh, and it was the old campaigner who brought a maturity to the defence which enabled the other youngsters, Graeme Hatton and Dave Martindale to make up a back four which was well in control. Indeed it was Walsh who opened the scoring after ten minutes, meeting a cross from Kevin Sheldon with a magnificent header from twelve yards out, a goal which brought praise indeed from watching manager, Larry Lloyd — "This lad reminds me of me when I was his age". Ten minutes later it was the turn of another eighteen year old, Kevin Langley, to score a

spectacular goal. He struck a free kick twenty five yards outside the box over the heads of a well-placed Derby wall to send the ball screaming into the roof of the net. After that, the Latics looked as if they could score five and fine work by Kevin Sheldon, David Lowe, Des Grant and Phil Williams up front was unlucky not to be rewarded with goals.

The Derby goal came twenty minutes from the end when a momentary lack of concentration allowed Blades a free header at goal which he mis-timed and sent into a ruck of players at the far post and Garner headed home. It was unfortunate for the Latics trialist goalkeeper, Paul McCullough (ex-Brentford) that this prevented him from keeping a clean sheet because he showed great promise.

Despite this threatened come-back by Derby, the Latics got quickly back on top and Kevin Sheldon was unlucky when, after beating four players in rapid succession his shot went over the bar.

When referee Bob Jones of Liverpool brought the game to an end, twenty two sopping wet players came off to a fine ovation and certainly deserved the hot cup of tea that awaited them.

The Team

McCullough

Hatton	McMahon	Walsh	Martindale
Sheldon	Langley	Aspinall	Williams
	Lowe	Grant	
	Sub: Shaw (for Grant, 63 minutes)		

NEXT FIXTURE —

WIGAN ATHLETIC v ROTHERHAM UTD.

Please note, in response to a request by Emlyn Hughes, next week's home match against Rotherham has been moved from

Tuesday, 16th November to Wednesday 17th November. Kick-off 7.00 p.m. Admission (to all parts of the stand and ground) £1 Adults, 50p. children and O.A.Ps.

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon. The committee and staff of the Supporters' Club would like to extend a very warm welcome to the officials, players and supporters of Millwall A.F.C. to Springfield Park.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB AWAY

Twenty four ardent Latics fans made the long trek South to see the lads in action. In these days of recession to pay £10.90 coach fare, admission to the ground and expenses, there's not much change left out of a £20 note. With true blue fans like ours, we can't go wrong. No doubt they'll all have been on their travels again to Orient to complete a very expensive week. Hopefully a week profitable points wise from the team. Once again we pay tribute to our loyal fans. Keep up your tremendous support!

JUNIOR LATICS DISCO

Don't forget your Big Night on the 6th December. Tickets are limited. We are still hopeful of commencing with the Junior Disco weekly, for all you 14 to 17 year-olds. Details will be given in the near future.

ENTERTAINMENT

As it's getting very near Christmas, we would like to announce one of our functions for Christmas Eve. We have lined-up a really tremendous Comedian by the name of Trevor Wallace. Tickets for this night will be available within the next week, priced at 50 pence each.

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FACTS + FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
† Player substituted.

*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	Fixture	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982																
Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	A	1 - 2	3.196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	A	1 - 1	3.418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	H	3 - 2	5.012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe ²	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	H	3 - 2	5.362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	A	2 - 3	3.850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1 leg)	H	H	6 - 5	4.008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe ³	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Walsh
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	H	1 - 2	4.866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Rogers
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	A	0 - 2	2.825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	A	6 - 3	4.457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Glenn
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	H	3 - 0	5.011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Bradd ²	Houghton	Gemmill	Glenn
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2 leg)	H	H	1 - 1	12.194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H	H	4 - 0	4.704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe ³	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Bradd
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A	A	0 - 4	4.439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Bradd
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H	H	0 - 1	4.504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe ¹	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Bradd
Oct. 23	Reading	A	A	1 - 2	2.621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe ¹	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2 leg)	A	A	0 - 2	16.083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe ¹	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Bradd
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H	H	0 - 1	4.108	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Lowe ¹	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A	A	1 - 2	2.399	Tunks	Langley	Glenn	Bradd	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Lowe
Nov. 6	Orient	A	A	1 - 1	2.226	Tunks	Cribley	Glenn	Bradd	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H	H													
Nov. 20	Telford Utd. (FA Cup 1st Rd)	H	H													
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A	A													
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U. (F.A. Cup 2nd Round)	H	H													
Dec. 11	OXFORD UNITED	H	H													
Dec. 18	Wrexham	A	A													
Dec. 27	WALSALL	H	H													

* Goal Scorer — Caton (own goal)

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

as at Sunday, 3rd November, 1982

	Home					Away					APts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
Lincoln City	15	7	0	0	21	3	4	0	4	9	11	33
Cardiff City	15	7	0	1	14	5	3	1	3	11	15	31
Newport County ..	15	5	2	0	12	5	3	2	3	12	12	28
Bristol Rovers	15	6	0	1	20	4	2	3	3	12	11	27
Portsmouth.....	15	6	0	2	18	7	2	3	2	7	8	27
Huddersfield Town	15	5	3	0	21	5	2	2	3	6	9	26
Bradford City	15	6	1	0	17	7	2	1	5	7	13	26
Gillingham	15	5	0	2	12	5	3	1	4	8	8	25
Oxford United	15	3	5	0	15	8	3	1	3	9	10	24
Brentford.....	15	6	1	1	21	9	0	4	3	13	17	23
Southend United ..	15	6	1	0	17	5	1	1	6	8	16	23
AFC Bournemouth	15	3	2	3	8	5	3	0	4	5	8	20
Sheffield United ..	15	4	2	1	11	6	1	3	4	5	12	20
Plymouth Argyle ..	15	5	0	2	9	6	1	2	4	9	18	20
Exeter City	15	4	2	2	18	15	1	2	4	6	17	19
Wrexham	15	3	2	2	8	7	1	3	4	5	14	17
WIGAN ATHLETIC	15	4	0	3	14	8	1	1	6	12	19	16
Chesterfield	15	2	1	5	10	11	2	2	3	6	9	15
Millwall	15	3	4	1	13	11	0	2	5	5	14	15
Reading	15	4	2	2	16	11	0	1	6	10	23	15
Orient.....	15	3	2	3	13	16	1	1	5	3	19	15
Preston North End	15	2	3	2	9	7	1	0	7	10	22	12
Walsall.....	15	2	2	3	6	9	0	3	5	11	21	11
Doncaster Rovers .	14	2	4	1	21	17	0	0	7	3	18	10

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD afternoon and welcome to all our visitors from Millwall Football Club. We have not been enjoying success recently and everybody at the club feels as badly about this as our supporters. But with the drastic depletion of our ranks due to injuries and suspensions we have certainly had our share of bad luck. I have now given Larry Lloyd carte-blanche to get replacement players on board and Jim Steel from Oldham Athletic is the first of those. I am sure you will give him a typical Wigan welcome when he runs out today.

I was bitterly disappointed to read recently the Wigan Rugby Club Director John Robinson's remarks during his clubs recent Extraordinary General Meeting when he described me in a derogatory manner as "an outsider". I take exception, Mr. Robinson, to my name being used flippantly and I feel that your remarks were totally uncalled for.

Since Bobby Charlton and I came to Wigan we have made many firm friends, including several of the Directors from the Rugby Club and we have known Alex Murphy for some time. I feel that the relationship between the Rugby and Soccer clubs in Wigan has certainly not deteriorated in any way since we arrived, and I would go so far as to say it has improved, and I intend to ensure that it

continues to improve. Mr. Robinson's words, therefore, are completely out of place and I would ask him why he feels he is entitled to abuse me in his public declarations. It is the perogative of the Latics Shareholders and only the Latics shareholders to criticise me, and I have always made myself available to shareholders and supporters to hear their views. To suggest that anybody who shares a common love of football with the people of Wigan could be "an outsider" is antiquated nonsense and I would ask Mr. Robinson to be more careful of his words in future. We all have a job to do in sport at the moment and I think he would be better advised to carry on with his own job, rather than interfering with our affairs here at Springfield Park.

And to you, the supporters of Wigan Athletic, I would merely say let us all enjoy this afternoons game.

Best wishes,

Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 Alex Cribley
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 John Butler
- 5 Stephen Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Jimmy Weston
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Archie Gemmill
- 12 Kevin Langley

TEAM CHECK

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. T. MILLIS
(Barnsley)

Started refereeing in the Barnsley and District Leagues, then progressed through Barnsley and Sheffield Leagues on to the Central and then Football League List. Officiated in a U.E.F.A. Cup game in 1976 and F.A. Challenge Trophy Semi-Final in 1977 and 1979. Refereed Football League Quarter-Final in 1978 and the F.A. Youth Cup Final in 1979.
A married man, with one son, he is an Insurance Inspector with interests in cricket and gardening.

Linesmen:
(Red Flag)
Mr. G. Aplin
(Kendall)
(Yellow Flag)
Mr. E.P. O'Hare
(Barrow-in-Furness)

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F.A. Cup First Round



MILLWALL

(All Red)

- 1 Paul Sansome
- 2 Keith Stevens
- 3 Paul Robinson
- 4 Andy Massey
- 5 Sam Allardice
- 6 Paul Roberts
- 7 Dean Horrix
- 8 Dean Neal
- 9 Trevor Aylott
- 10 David Martin
- 11 Alan West
- 12 Nicky Chatterton